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## **COT Security Alert**

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Due to the recent exploitation of a Microsoft Domain Name Service (DNS) vulnerability within our network, COT is performing due diligence in our response to this exploitation to prevent unauthorized access to any of our resources.

As a part of this effort, COT is requiring that all Active Directory administrative, service account and user passwords be changed immediately.

COT will expire all AD passwords older than April 25th at midnight on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that all passwords have been changed prior to this time.

COT has made changes on the Commonwealth Enterprise Firewall to prevent further exploitations.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Commonwealth Service Desk.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

NOTICE: COT is providing this information so that you are aware of the latest security threats, vulnerabilities, software patches, etc. You should consult with your network administrator or other technical resources to ensure that the appropriate actions for these alerts are followed. If you are a network administrator and need additional information, please call the Help Desk at 502.564.7576.

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